

Judicial Administration Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes

September 20, 2000

The Judicial Administration Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the French Lick Springs Hotel on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

1. Members present. Roland W. Chamblee, Tom D. Diller, Steven M. Fleece; John L. Kellam, Richard T. Payne, Tanya Walton Pratt, Stephen R. Platt; and Frances C. Gull, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Others present. Lilia Judson and Andy Straw, State Court Administrator's Office; and Judge George J. Heid were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the committee on August 11, 2000 were approved.
5. Update Study - Judicial Weighted Caseload Measures.
 - a. The committee members agreed to add domestic relations cases to those cases in which judges will keep times, and add language to the time sheet at the bottom on how to record the same action that occurs in multiple cases. (Ex: mass advisement in a 10 C felony cases.)
 - b. The members of the committee agreed that tax warrant cases should be included in the definition of civil collections for study purposes, that PCR's be included as a post judgment action in the underlying criminal case, life without parole cases be included in the definition of capital murder cases, and if multiple crimes are charged, the highest charged offense is where the judge time should be attributed.
 - c. The committee members discussed the difficulty of randomly selecting Capital Murder, A,B, and C felony cases since the files do not have separate case numbers. They mentioned asking judges to pull files in advance of the visit by those working for Dr. Vargus.
 - d. The members of the committee discussed the kick-off session for the time-study on Friday, September 22, from 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. during the Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference in French Lick.
6. SJI Grant. Mr. Bercovitz said the Judicial Center would receive an SJI grant of \$30,000 for this project.
7. Next meeting. The committee members agreed to send in CCS's to indicate judicial actions for October. They agreed to meet again on Friday, October 13, 2000, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; meet in conjunction with the December conference on December 7, 2000; Friday, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13 and August 13, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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